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SUBJ: GREEK SITUATION: ITALIAN PRESS COVERAGE

REFERENCE: ROME 4505

1. ITALIAN PRESS MAY 29 CONTINUED TO GIVE FULL COVERAGE TO GREEK SITUATION, AND FEATURED MAY 28 GREEK DEFENSE MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE WHICH PROVIDED FURTHER DETAILS ON ABORTIVE COUP. PRESS ALSO PUBLISHED SPECULATION ATTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS GREEK NEWSPAPERS THAT GOG CONSIDERING " INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS" WHICH IMPLY ABOLITION OF MONARCHY.

2. RE " VELOS" DEFECTORS, PRESS STORIES REITERATED THEIR PREVIOUS STATEMENTS OF LAYALTY TO GREEK CONSTITUTION AND OPPOSITION TO " COLONELS"; DENIAL OF ANY CONTACT WITH KING CONSTANTINE AND THAT " VELOS" HAD COME TO ITALY TO TAKE CONSTANTINE BACK TO GREECE; DENIAL OF ANY POLITICAL AFFILIATION. DEFECTORS DESCRIBED THIR ACTION AS " PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION" WHICH CHOSEN INSTEAD OF POSSIBLE " SHOW OF FORCE WITH RISK OF BLOODSHED." ACCORDING PRESS, AT MOST OF DEFECTORS INTEND TO REMAIN IN ITALY WHILE OTHERS PLAN TO GO TO OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OR US WHERE THEY HAVE RELATIVES AND MIGHT FIND OPPORTUNITY TO WORK UNTIL IT POSSIBLE TO RETURN TO GREECE. IT REPORTEDLY APPEARS THAT DEFECTORS ARE TRYING TO AVOID BEING SENT TO REFUGEE PROCESSING CENTER IN TRIESTE (SEPTTEL).

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